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SUBJECT: DAVIS RELATIVE CALLS ON AMBASSADOR

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1. DR. JULES SPACH, NATIONAL MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND FATHER-IN-LAW OF BRUCE DAVIS, ONE OF THE TWO DAVIS SONS SHOT ON JULY 3, CALLED AMBASSADOR AND DCM AFTER-NOON OF JULY 15 TO GIVE HIS IMPRESSION OF THE EVENTS UP TO AND FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING. DR. SPACH WHO WAS A MISSIONARY IN BRAZIL FOR MANY YEARS, TRAVELED TO BRAZIL ABOUT A WEEK AGO TO HELP THE FAMILY AND ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE HIS DAUGHTER TO RETURN TO THE US WITH HER CHILDREN.

2. DR. SPACH IS PREPARING A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE SHOOTING, AND HE PROMISED TO SEND A COPY TO THE EMBASSY. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO THREE BRAZILIANS WHO WERE WITH THE DAVIS MEN WHEN THE SHOOTING OCCURRED. THESE THREE MEN ARE NOW BEING INTERROGATED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES IN PARA, AND PRESUMABLY HAVE GIVEN THOSE AUTHORITIES EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE INCIDENT. THEIR STORY AS RELATED BY DR. SPACH CORROBORATES IN BROADEST OUTLINES PREVIOUS ACCOUNTS OF THE AMBUSH. ONE DETAIL ADDED WAS THAT MALLORY DAVIS HAD A SHOTGUN WHEN HE GOT OUT OF THE TRUCK, AND THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE HE MAY HAVE FIRED ONCE BEFORE BEING SHOT.

3. THE AMBASSADOR REVIEWED THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS OVER
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THE LAST YEAR TO PROTECT THE DAVIS FAMILY AND DETAILED

THE STEPS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE EMBASSY AND BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING ITSELF. HE ALSO MENTIONED TO DR. SPACH THAT THE EMBASSY HAS RECIEVED CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE (SENATOR HELMS) IN BEHALF OF OTHER US SHAREHOLDERS IN CAPAZ, THE PROPERTY WHICH THE DAVIS FAMILY WORKED IN PARA STATE. THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS CRITICAL OF THE DAVIS FAMILY AND IN PARTICULAR OF MR. JOHN W. DAVIS, SR. DR. SPACH SAID HE IS NOT FAMILAR WITH THE CORPARATE HISTORY OR STRUCTURE OF CAPAZ. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, DR. SPACH SAID HE BELIEVES IT WOULD BEST IF CAPAZ DECLARED BANKRUPTCY AND SETTLED ITS DEBTS AS BEST IT CULD, BUT THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO STICK IT OUT IS UP TO DAVISES AND WILL BE MADE IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

4. DR. SPACH EXPRESSED HOPE THE EMBASSY WOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP THE DAVISES.
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